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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

Welcome to the World!
Happy Birthday!
Join Us For In Person Worship
Special Congregational Meeting

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Reflections

Here we are at the end of our time together. I have found that leaving a place is always bittersweet. We have been up the hills together and we have walked through some valleys together. Saying good-bye embraces the laughter and the tears and remembers the beginnings and the endings and everything in between.

The question I leave with you is like my first question, "What is God calling you to do?" This is a question I hope you will continue to revisit over the years as you grow in God's Spirit and Wisdom through prayer and commitment to Christ's service.

Continue to take time to explore your roots as the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and pass your faith stories to newcomers and your young people. When we know where we came from it makes us stronger and bonds us together. Get the history books out and explore your congregational past and celebrate your long history together. What brought people together back then? What brings you together now? Create ways to be together more now that COVID is coming to an end.

Discover new mission opportunities together. What spiritual gifts do you have that can be used in new ways? As you begin to meet in small Bible study groups to pray and ponder the mysteries of God together and to share your faith with each other, the Holy Spirit will guide you to service for Jesus Christ. Renew your baptismal vows to grow in the Christian faith and to further Christ's mission in all the world.

Come to worship together regularly. You have been apart for a very long time now and it's time to celebrate being together as the body of Christ in one place for worship. Remember that you are not coming to a club meeting, but to renew your commitment to following Christ and to encourage your fellow Christians on their journeys. Train up the children in the way they should go by bringing them to church! Remember that the faith formation of each child (and each member old and new) is the responsibility of every member of the congregation.

So, I leave you to seriously consider, "What is God calling you to do?" God will guide you into all truth. I also leave you with the words of Paul (2 Corinthians 13:11-13):

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss [or elbow bump]. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Thank you for your love, your prayers, your service, your support, and your efforts in the name of Jesus Christ.

Shalom my friends,
Pastor Lorraine

Join us for Worship

In Person Worship

We are now meeting back at the church for worship at 10:40 a.m. on Sundays! We care about the safety of our congregation and have taken many precautions during this time. We are wearing masks, social distancing, using pre-packaged communion items, and using alternative methods for our music worship that do not include singing, so as to help ensure a safer environment for everyone joining us. We hope to see you there!

At Home Worship on Facebook

Find us on Facebook at **First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Emporia, KS** to join us for worship at 10:40 a.m. on Sundays. Leave a comment on our worship service to let us know you are with us!

At Home Worship via Email

You are encouraged to open your email at 10:40 a.m. to be part of our worshipping community. If you would like to be added to our e-mail worship service, send us an e-mail at fccoffices@yahoo.com to let us know!

So far in the month of February, the food pantry has helped **63 families** with food, plus **various other items**.



Our pantry continues to be a lifeline for those in our community.

During this time, we have implemented a no contact method for providing food to the community and have reduced our food pantry hours to Mondays from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.



Our church family prayer list:

Lonnie Atchison (*cancer*); **Lea Beers** (*medical*); **Wanda Davis** (*hip rehab*); **Joe Denson** (*medical*); **Brooke Franklin** (*cancer*); **Bob Hush** (*medical*); **Steve & Ramona Langley** (*brother-in-law and sister of Betty Richardson*); **Dr. Tim & Paula Lavin and family** (*medical*); **Joe Lozier** (*brain tumor, father of Jen Dalton*); **Lougene Marsh** (*medical*); **Steve Martin** (*stem cell cancer treatment*); and **Jeanice Miller** (*back pain*).



Attendance and Giving Record

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Feb. 14, 2021 At Home Worship 27+

Feb. 21, 2021 At Home Worship 42+

GIVING RECORD

Feb. 7, 2021 ~ Offering \$2,290.00 / Building \$0.00

Feb. 14, 2021 ~ Offering \$1,485.00 / Building \$0.00

Feb. 21, 2021 ~ Offering \$860.00 / Building \$0.00



March Anniversaries

- 01 Guy & Janece Bacon
- 03 Bill & Carol Hopkins
- 22 Glenn & Dorothy Boyce

February Birthdays

- 27 Shelby Pedersen
- 28 Roycean Garnett

March Birthdays

- 02 Glenna Gamblian
- 02 Parker Simmons
- 06 Breann Johnson
- 10 Sarah Roth
- 11 Robert Chatham
- 11 Imegene Marsh

Upcoming Serving Schedule



February 28, 2021—2nd Sunday in Lent

- Elder** ~ Judy Moore
- Worship Leader** ~ Diana Solis
- Children’s Message** ~ Marlene Hanson

March 7, 2021—3rd Sunday in Lent

- Communion Elder** ~ Jaylene Arnett
- Presiding Elder** ~ Jean Miller
- Worship Leader** ~ Janece Bacon
- Children’s Message** ~ Laurie Kurzen

March 14, 2021—4th Sunday in Lent

- Communion Elder** ~ Nancy LeClear
- Presiding Elder** ~ George Arnett
- Worship Leader** ~ Janet Lostutter
- Children’s Message** ~ Marie Harding

Mark The Dates

Until further notice, the method of meeting (In Person, via Zoom, E-mail, etc.) will be determined on a meeting by meeting basis.

Sundays at 10:40 am—Worship Service via In Person, Facebook Live & E-mail

Mon. Feb. 22, 2021 9:00—11:00 am—Food Pantry

Tues. Feb. 23, 2021 10:00 am—Lenten Study Series—Morning

Tues. Feb. 23, 2021 6:30 pm—Lenten Study Series—Evening

Thur. Feb. 25, 2021 4:00 pm—Elders’ Meeting

Thur. Feb. 25, 2021 6:30 pm—Youth Mission Club

Sun. Feb. 28, 2021—Week of Compassion Special Offering

Mon. March 1, 2021 9:00—11:00 am—Food Pantry

Tues. March 2, 2021 10:00 am—Lenten Study Series—Morning

Tues. March 2, 2021 6:30 pm—Lenten Study Series—Evening

Sun. March 7, 2021 12:00 pm—Diaconate Meeting

Mon. March 8, 2021—Newsletter Deadline

Mon. March 8, 2021 9:00—11:00 am—Food Pantry

Tues. March 9, 2021 10:00 am—Lenten Study Series—Morning

Tues. March 9, 2021 6:30 pm—Lenten Study Series—Evening

Wed. March 10, 2021 1:30 pm—DWF Group

Wed. March 10, 2021 5:30 pm—Stewardship Ministry

Thoughts to Ponder

- The kind of ancestors we had is not as important as the kind of descendants we have.
- Blessed are those who can laugh at themselves, for they will never cease to be amused.
- Come as you are. You can change inside.
- Failure and success are on the same road. Success is just further down that road.

Lectionary Schedule**February 28—April 4, 2021****February 28, 2021—2nd Sunday in Lent**

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Psalm 22:23-31

Romans 4:13-25

Mark 8:31-38 or Mark 9:2-9

March 7, 2021—3rd Sunday in Lent

Exodus 20:1-17

Psalm 19

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

John 2:13-22

March 14, 2021—4th Sunday in Lent

Numbers 21:4-9

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Ephesians 2:1-10

John 3:14-21

March 21, 2021—5th Sunday in Lent

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm 51:1-12 or Psalm 119:9-16

Hebrews 5:5-10

John 12:20-33

March 28, 2021—Palm Sunday

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Mark 11:1-11 or John 12:12-16

April 4, 2021—Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 25:6-9

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

or Acts 10:34-43

John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8

Welcome
to
the
world



Maggie Ann Wiggins, daughter of Kate and Matt Wiggins, was born on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 7 lbs. 5 oz. and 19.5 inches. Welcome to the world, Maggie Ann!



Happy Birthday!



Imegene Marsh will be turning 99 on March 11 this year, and we would like to celebrate with her by having a card shower!

If you would like to send her a card, please send it to:

Imegene Marsh
727 Arundel Street
Emporia, KS 668801

Join Us for In Person Worship!

Please feel free to join us in church this Sunday Feb. 28th as we open our doors for worship. This will be Pastor Lorraine's last Sunday with us before she retires.

As we come together, we will celebrate Pastor Lorraine's retirement as best we can. Everyone will be required to wear a mask and we will observe social distancing.



Family At Home Sunday School Announcement for March

Beginning March 3 for each week of March, lessons related to Easter will be emailed to families with children and youth. The lessons include a video and activities on the topic. Topics include: The Last Supper, Jesus Washes Feet, Jesus Prays, Palm Sunday, and Easter. We hope you enjoy studying together with your family preparing for Easter. If you have a friend who would like to be included in the email mailing list, contact our church office.



Special Congregational Meeting

At the Board meeting held on February 16, a special congregational meeting was called concerning the possible sale of the church real estate located at 1122 Market, commonly known as the parking lot located on the south side of 12th Avenue. Due to Coronavirus restrictions, the details are being mailed to the members of the congregation. Please read over the information and return the enclosed ballot as soon as possible. An envelope has been included for your convenience. If you have any questions or concerns please contact either a member of the trustees, the church office or myself. Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Janet Lostutter
Board Moderator

Time to sign up for Church Camp at Camp Tawakoni

Church Camps are being planned this Summer. The camp schedule is included. Covid guidelines will be observed. Most camps are scheduled to end on Friday to allow time to sanitize all facilities each week. Fees reflect an increase, AND an automatic 30% scholarship. The reduced column is what the fee is for this year. Each camp event indicates a maximum enrollment. A “wait list” will be kept. There are camp scholarships available. Contact our church office for enrollment forms.

Copy of the 2021 Camp Schedule

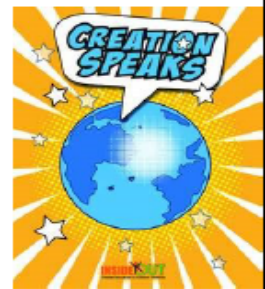
2021 Camp Schedule

2021 Camp Schedule Announced!

Fee includes: Lodging & Meals,
Program expense, Nurse;
theme T-Shirt, Water bottle, Canteen and

Theme Stories include:

- ◊ Invited by Light, Gen. 1:1-5
- ◊ Refreshed by Water, Gen. 1:6-8
- ◊ Shaped like Earth, Jer. 18:1-10
- ◊ Moving through, Gen. 1:14-19
- ◊ Kinship with Animals, Gen. 1:20-25
- ◊ Purpose for Humanity, Gen. 1:26-31
- ◊ Inspired by Creation, Gen. 2:1-3



Event:	Date:	Grade Completed:	Max. Enroll:	Begin/End Time:	Fee:	*Reduced:
CYF Conf - Alpha	June 21-25 (Mon-Fri)	9-12	50	1:00 pm -10 am	\$350	\$245
CYF Conf - Omega	July 6-10 (Tues-Sat)	9-12	50	1:00 pm -10 am	\$350	\$245
Pre-High	July 12-16 (Mon-Fri)	8 Only	25	1:00 pm -10 am	\$350	\$245
Chi Rho	July 12-16 (Mon-Fri)	6-7	25	1:00 pm -10 am	\$350	\$245
Junior	June 14-18 (Mon-Fri)	4-5	50	1:00 pm -10 am	\$350	\$245
Primary 1	June 30-July 2 (Weds-Fri)	2-3	50	1:00 pm - 10 am	\$255	\$180
Discovery	July 1-2 (Thurs-Fri)	K-1	45	1:00 pm - 10 am	\$145	\$ 100

SPECIALTY CAMPS

KCYF Mission Week June 6-11 (Sun-Fri) Grades 8-12 Tawakoni, Augusta \$ 350 (max. 20)
Group will work to create a new Canteen at the camp!

Grand Camp 1 June 18-20 (Fri- Sun) All Ages (max. 40) 1:00 pm—10:00 am Adult \$ 150/ \$105
Grandparents and their grandchildren share camping experiences together!
Child \$ 90 / \$63 reduced

Grand Camp 2 June 22-24 (Tues-Thurs) as above... (max. enrollment 40)
* Scholarship fund will reduce each fee by about 30%

COVID-19 Reminder: We plan to meet in-person at Disciples Center. Face masks and social distancing precautions will be expected of all participants. If health authorities indicate it is not wise to hold camps we will move events online and refund registration fees.

Cancellation Policy: over 30 days prior to event = full fee less \$25 handling fee; 15-30 days prior = 50% refund; 7-14 days prior = 25% refund; 6 days prior or no-show at event = no refund.
Detailed information will be available in your church office, OR, check the region's website—www.kansadisciples.org

Stewardship Moment:

Reminder - Pledge Drive Commitment Sunday - March 7

Have you completed your pledge card and returned it to the church?

If not, please do so as soon as possible

Pledges will be dedicated on March 7

Your pledges are needed so we can properly plan for FY2021-2022

We have ministries to continue and new ones to put in place

We are searching for a minister and need your prayers and support

The Church needs YOU and your participation in carrying out its ministries

Everyone is needed to carry out whatever God has in store for us here at Emporia First Christian Church!

Thank you for your ongoing support through prayer, time, talents, and resources.

†Standing Strong Through the Storm!

Marie Harding & Diana Solis, Stewardship Co-chair

Egg Carton Donations Needed

We are in need of empty egg cartons for those that provide eggs to our food pantry. If you can help with this, please leave your egg cartons in the kitchen next to the parlor!

Family Promise 5K Fun Run

There will be a virtual 5K fun run to benefit Family Promise of the Flint Hills. Participants can complete their own 5K route anytime March 1st-7th.

They have some fun prize categories for those that are interested in that!

And stay tuned as they post more news about

Family Promise of the Flint Hills. Good things are

happening! COVID may have stalled us, but we are moving forward now!!

Racing toward the goal! Acts 20:24 and 1 Cor 9:24

~ Family Promise of the Flint Hills ~



FUN RUN

If you are interested, you can contact the church office for a registration form, or you can register online at <https://secure.rec1.com/KS/emporia-ks/catalog>.

First Christian Church
Lorraine W. Bailey,
Transitional Minister



“The mission of First Christian Church is to inspire each other to reach out to the un-churched and to serve and share with our community by proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ.”

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Office Hours

8 a.m. until Noon, Monday through Friday.
Pastor Lorraine—8:00 am to 11:00 am, Tuesday through Friday. Afternoons by appointment.



Next Newsletter Deadline
March 8 & March 22, 2021



February 2021

21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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March 2021

SUN 28	MON Mar 1	TUE 2	WED 3	THU 4	FRI 5	SAT 6
Week of Compassion Special Offering • 10:40am Worship Service	First Day of Women's History Month • 9am Food Pantry • 7pm Boy Scouts - Offsite	• 10am Lenten Study Series - Morning • 6:30pm Lenten Study Series - Evening	• 10:30am Lyon Co. Ministerial Alliance			
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
• 10:40am Worship Service • 12pm Diaconate Meeting	Newsletter Deadline • 9am Food Pantry • 7pm Boy Scouts - Offsite	• 10am Lenten Study Series - Morning • 6:30pm Lenten Study Series - Evening	• 9:30am NE KS Clergy-Topeka • 1:30pm DWF Group • 5:30pm Stewardship Ministry Meets	• 4pm Elders' Study • 6:30pm Youth Mission Club		

Spotlight on Disciples

Information for this article came from the book, *Disciples: Who We Are & What Holds Us Together* (2019) by Michael Kinnamon and Jan Linn, St. Louis: Christian Board of Publication, pp. 56-59.

Recommendations for Disciples

Kinnamon and Linn leave this section on baptism with four recommendations for serious consideration:

1. Rigorous instruction prior to baptism. They remind us that while Disciples have been “long on the act of baptism,” we have been “short on the necessary preparation for it.” It is important for us to take time to “rethink the extent to which we undermine the importance we place on baptism by inadequate instruction for it.”
2. Use strong missional language in the service of baptism. An example (p.57, from the UCC) is “Do you promise, by the grace of God, to be Christ’s disciple, to follow in the way of our Savior, to resist oppression and evil, to show love and justice, and to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ as best you are able? Do you promise, according to the grace given you, to grow in the Christian faith and to be a faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ, celebrating Christ’s presence and furthering Christ’s mission in all the World?”
3. Plan for ecumenical participation in services of baptism. We are baptized into Christ. Inviting representatives to our baptisms would celebrate our unity.
4. Take part in services of renewal of Baptismal Vows. The Easter season would be an example for this.

A Final Word: “Through baptism, God lays claim to us and turns us from other gods; but also through baptism, God unites us with the whole Christian family and opens us to persons unlike ourselves and perspectives unlike our own. Discipleship and openness. Bold mission and ecumenical humility. We believe that this is who we are as Disciples, and that it is an identity worth celebrating!”